

The Young Professionals Event at ICCE 2019

The IEEE Consumer Electronics (CE) Society always provides enjoyable and fruitful events for young professionals at various CE Society conferences. A typical example is the session “Flying Animals and the Art of Presentation.” It originated at the 2016 IEEE International Conference on Consumer Electronics (ICCE) in Berlin, with the leadership of volunteers such as Tom Wilson and Tom Coughlin. It has the unique feature of allowing participants an opportunity to express their opinions using flying toy animals—a duck, a monkey, or a frog. Following the first success at ICCE 2016, this event took place again at ICCE 2019 in Las Vegas.

This year’s session welcomed three courageous young people as speakers. After the introductory talk by Tom Coughlin, speakers gave a seven-minute version of their ICCE 2019 presentation. During the session, one after another, participants would launch one of the flying animals into the air and volunteer suggestions to the speakers on how to improve their talks. The session provided a friendly but stimulating atmosphere for the speakers, who took advantage of the learning experience. At the end of the session, the participants released all their toy animals to the sky.

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The ICCE 2019 “Flying Animals and the Art of Presentation” participants release their flying animals.

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wall. After the session, Shirazi commented, “This was a good session, summarizing the whole guideline for an

excellent presentation. It helped me a lot to improve my main presentation, which was held in the afternoon on the same day. I will definitely use this guideline for my future presentations.”

The CE Society welcomes young people and encourages them to become active members. If there is something you want to do with the CE Society in the future, please contact the CE Society Young Professionals chair, Shingo Yamaguchi at shingo.yamaguichi@ieee.org.

—Shingo Yamaguchi and Tom Coughlin